

Youth Connections Grant

Applicants' Questions and Answers February 10 and 12, 2009

1. Q: What is the recommended number of program hours per week for this grant?

A: We are seeking programs that operate 15 hours per week or more, exclusive of individual mentoring or parent events. Partial funding could be provided for programs operating less than 15 hours per week.

2. Q: What is the current State rate for mileage reimbursement?

A: The current State rate for mileage reimbursement is 50.5 cents per mile. A program should utilize rates established by their own policies and procedures, but may not charge the Grant at a rate exceeding the State reimbursement rate.

3. Q: In section IV "Grant Proposal Narrative", paragraph 7.C of the "Cost Information" DWS asks for approximate cost per student per program. Do we calculate this cost using only the grant amount?

A: No, you must calculate the instructional cost using all funds that you receive to operate your program.

4. Q: Will our letter of collaboration be acceptable if it includes a statement that the support may disappear if funding for our collaborator is cut?

A. Yes, letters of support with this stipulation are acceptable.

5. Q: Can we use guidelines other than reduced/free lunch statistics to determine our at-risk population?

A: Yes, you may use other risk determinants such as UPASS (Utah Performance and Assessment System for Students) scores and SHARP (Student Health and Risk Prevention) surveys. If you do so, please indicate this in on your grant application.

6. Q: How do you indicate summer hours on the Grant Application Cover Sheet when you operate a year-round program?

A: You may insert hours per day for the school year on the lines provided and then add anticipated daily summer hours by hand below that line on Page 6.

7. Q: What is the recommended number of students that a program is serving?

A: We are seeking programs with at least 20 students attending on a regular basis.

8. Q: What are the required margins to the pages of the application text?

A: Use no less than half-inch margins.

9. Q: Is the Budget Detail Form on Page 9 the right year?

A: The Budget Detail Form should read FY10 and not FY07.

10. Q: Can the fiscal management of the grant be included in salaries?

A: An organization needs to have a system in place to document the labor hours assigned to various projects or cost centers and it is consistent with how the program currently charges other grants and contracts.

11. Q: Can we use grant money to give parents a discount scholarship on the cost of sending a youth to the program?

A: This would be considered supplanting of other funds and would not be allowable.
(See Page 35)

12. Q: Can grant money lower the cost per student for all enrolled students?

A: This would be considered supplanting of other funds and would not be allowable.
(See Page 35)

13. Correction. Attachment B: RFG Evaluation Scorer Sheet, Page 15, Plan of Action and Timeline: “Include a three-month timeline of services” is correct, not a six-month timeline of services.

14. Q: How much are we allowed to pay for snacks?

A: Generally, we allow up to \$1.00 per student per day for snacks. This amount includes both the snack and beverage. Snacks must be nutritious - for example an apples and cheese, not cookies and soda.

15. Q: Do tables need to be presented in double-spaced or single-spaced format?

A: Either spacing is acceptable.